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KENTUCKY OIL IS NOW \$4 PER BBL.

THE EXPECTED ADVANCE WAS MADE BY THE STANDARD LAST MONDAY.

It is true this time. The Somerset oil price went to \$4 last Monday. The independent purchasers met the price nearly two weeks ago, but the Joseph Seep company was a little slow in meeting the advance.

This is the best price ever paid for grades not accepted as Pennsylvania. It helps to meet the advancing costs of development and stimulating that branch of industry.

The Ohio Fuel Oil company has 82 producing wells in the field near Louisa and has 12 rigs drilling. Next comes the Big Blaine with about 30 wells, and the West Virginia Oil & Gas & Distributing company with 19. Then the New Domain.

The Union on upper Blaine has 23 producing wells and a number of rigs drilling. These are the companies with the largest production to date in Lawrence-co., but there are several other companies with smaller numbers of wells and large acreage on which development will move as rapidly this summer as the limited supply of pipe and supplies will permit.

The Union has contracted for nine strings of tools to be shipped from Lee-co. into the upper Blaine field.

A car load of casing ordered last August has just been shipped to the Union company. This shows what operators are up against in the way of getting supplies.

Mr. Ayers, of the Union, has bought four teams of mules in central Kentucky for which he paid \$375. They will be used in the development work on the company's lease.

The Cumberland Pipe Line company has purchased six acres of land adjoining H. J. Pack, near Blaine, on which a big pumping station will be erected to handle the production of that territory.

New Territory.

A well was drilled in on the Riffe farm at Glenwood, on the north side of this county last week, which is reported by the company to be a good well. The oil is said to have been found in the Berea grit of a depth of something over 1700 feet. The Good Losers Oil company of Ashland owns the lease and a large surrounding acreage. We have no definite information as to the kind of a test, if any, that has been put on the well, but hope to have by next week.

In Elliott County.

A well reported to be good for 15 barrels has been completed in Elliott county, seven miles west of the Union Gas company's operations in Lawrence county. A man named Yost drilled the well.

In Johnson and Magoffin.

Browning & Son brought in a good well on Pigeon creek in Johnson-co. last week. This is close to gas production and helps very greatly to define the lay of the field.

There is much activity throughout the Johnson-Magoffin field. A pipe line is being laid into the territory and when completed the real rush of work will start. There seems to be no doubt about this being an extensive deposit of oil and gas.

Other Reports.

The Courier Journal says: Lee-co. had twelve strikes and three dry holes for the week, most of the producers averaging around 20 barrels. Operators are drilling the proved districts closely, but there have been a number of advance strikes this summer, with a consequent widening of the productive area.

Wolfe-co., adjoining Lee, has a number of moderate strikes and two dry holes to its credit. The Estill-Powell district was inactive.

Menfee-co. has turned out a number of promising strikes lately, among the better wells being the Elk Oil & Gas company's No. 9, Ratelife, 25 barrels, and the Big Pete Oil company's No. 10, Brown lease, 25 barrels. Menfee-co. is now producing around 3,000 barrels weekly, a pipe line having been extended to the field only a few weeks ago.

Lawrence County.

In Lawrence-co., after several years' activity, during which strikes seldom exceeded 5 barrels, some more productive territory has been opened, a number of late completions showing as high as 20 barrels. Lawrence-co. production comes from the Berea grit, and the wells have proved lasting.

Plant for High Grade Brick at Torchlight

Satisfactory progress is being made toward the erection of a brick plant at Torchlight, five miles south of Louisa. A considerable amount of stock has been subscribed for and the necessary amount will no doubt be reached very soon.

Having not only a superior grade of clay, but also the coal to burn it, this proposition looks good.

NOTICE.

Rev. H. R. Coleman, of Louisville, will lecture on "Freemasonry in the Holy Land" at Masonic Hall on Monday, May 17, 7 p. m. All members urged to be present. W. M. FULKERSON, Secy.

Death Claims

Miss Agnes Auxier

Miss Agnes M. Auxier, of East Point, passed away last Monday after a long illness caused by cancer. She was in a hospital in Cincinnati quite a while for treatment and returned home some weeks ago. For several years she was one of the leading teachers in the schools of Johnson county and was also one of the members of the board of examiners for teachers in that county.

She was the daughter of J. K. Polk Auxier who lives in Blockhouse Bottom, a part of the old Auxier farm. Besides her aged father the surviving members of the family are one sister and two brothers.

The funeral was held at the home on Tuesday and was attended by a large gathering of relatives and friends. Burial in the Auxier cemetery.

MEXICO REVOLUTION DEPOSES CARRANZA

Gen. Obregon has overthrown the Carranza government in Mexico and Carranza attempted to escape but is reported to have been captured. Obregon is said to be of Irish descent. It is expected he will be elected president of Mexico at once.

FAMILY REUNION.

Mr. and Mrs. Atwell Wellman of Louisa, entertained for the day last Sunday—Mother's Day—all their children. It was the first time they all had been here in five years. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wellman, Dr. and Mrs. Ira Wellman, of this place, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wellman, of Huntington, and Mr. and Mrs. John Kuehnle, of Cincinnati. The day was very pleasantly spent.

W. M. S. ANNUAL MEET AT PIKEVILLE

The annual meeting of the Women's Missionary society of the Western Virginia Conference was held at Pikeville, beginning Thursday of last week and closing Sunday night. The attendance was large and the meeting was one of the best in the history of the organization. Pikeville entertained them royally and Rev. J. W. Critch proved to be an excellent host, as usual.

One of the principal speakers was Mrs. M. L. Hargrave, associate secretary of the Centenary commission, who delivered five addresses during the course of the meeting. Other notable addresses were those of Dr. John S. Jenkins, pastor of Johnson Memorial church, and Rev. Paul Powell, pastor of the First church at Ashland. The conference adjourned Sunday night to meet next year at New Martinsville. Officers were elected as follows:

President, Mrs. George R. Armstrong, of Huntington.
Vice-President, Mrs. Harry M. Wade, of Fairmont.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. S. H. Bowman, of Huntington.
Treasurer, Mrs. Robert Thornburg, of Huntington.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. H. F. Kopp, of Parkersburg.

Department Superintendents.

Young People, Mrs. E. M. Keith, of New Martinsville.
Children's Work, Mrs. G. A. Nash, of Ashland.
Mission Study and Publicity, Mrs. J. W. Bacon, of Huntington.
Supplies, Mrs. W. L. Reid, of Beckley, W. Va.
Social Service, Miss Frances Sterrett, of Point Pleasant.
Literature, Mrs. Davis Meek, of Catlettsburg.

District Secretaries.

Ashland to be supplied.
Charleston, Mrs. J. O. Jackson, of Clendenin.
Fairmont, Mrs. Ward M. Downs, of Fairmont.
Huntington, Mrs. G. W. Ayres, of Barboursville.
Parkersburg, Mrs. T. A. Beannington, of Parkersburg.

Miss Addie Thornburg, for many years secretary for the Huntington district, was forced to retire because of ill health. Her action in laying down the active work was a source of much regret among her associates. Similar regret was felt in regard to the retirement from the post of superintendent of children's work of Mrs. John L. Vinson, wife of the pastor of the Guyandotte church.

To Endow Scholarship.

The conference decided to create a fund of approximately \$4,000 for the endowment of what is to be known as the Ella D. McIntosh scholarship to the Scarrett Bible and Training school at Kansas City, Mo. Mrs. McIntosh, now deceased, was for many years the conference president. Her inspirational leadership will always be remembered by the women who worked with her. Her work has been carried on, since she laid it down, by Mrs. George R. Armstrong of Huntington, who has served as president for a number of successive terms.

Lyda Moore Fund.

The annual convention offerings, taken Sunday night for the Lyda Moore fund was the most generous on record. This fund is used for missionary work in Brazil.

The conference budget of \$8,000 fixed for the year, was exceeded, the total amount raised being \$9,001.22. The new budget was fixed at \$9,500.

Jeff Newberry For Delegate to San Francisco

Huntington's well known wholesale shoe man, Jeff Newberry, is a candidate for delegate from the Fifth Congressional district of West Virginia to the Democratic National convention at San Francisco and deserves to be elected. Wayne county is in his district and we desire to call the attention of our neighbors to Mr. Newberry's candidacy. He is a native of Martin county, Ky., but has lived at Huntington for many years. He is a Democrat purely from principle and not for revenue. His desire to attend the National convention should be gratified, as he is the type of man to send there. His decisions on matters coming up there would be correct, as he is a man of good judgment, and he can be trusted to do the best things possible for all the people. With no axes to grind and no selfish purposes to serve he will make just the kind of representative needed at a great convention.

PORTSMOUTH, O., COUPLE MARRIED IN LOUISA

Miss Irene Goff and Mr. George W. Newsome, popular young people of Portsmouth, Ohio, came to Louisa Friday, May 7, and were united in marriage. The ceremony was held by the Rev. Jas. D. Bell, pastor of M.E. Church South. The wedding took place at the parsonage.

The bride is well known in Louisa, having relatives here. Her former home was at Nolan, W. Va., where she is very popular.

Mr. Newsome is a native of Lawrence county. He is a traveling salesman in Kentucky and West Virginia. Their friends wish them happiness and success. They will reside in Portsmouth.

MRS. KEITH HERE.

Mrs. B. M. Keith and son, B. M., Jr., of New Martinsville, W. Va., were in Louisa this week, guests of R. T. Burns and Mrs. Horton. They had been in Pikeville attending the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society, Western Virginia Conference, M. E. Church South. Mrs. Keith is superintendent of the Young People's department.

DEATH OF A CHILD.

Measles and pneumonia caused the death of the 14 months old child of James Justice and wife of this place last Sunday. Another child of the same family was seriously ill, but is somewhat improved at this time.

The funeral was held on Monday. Burial in Pulaski cemetery.

ASHLAND'S BIG BANK.

Ashland's million dollar bank will begin business June 1 in the Blackstone building, using the entire lower floor. Jno. E. Buckingham of Paintsville will be president, John and Charles Russell vice presidents, and T. A. Field cashier. Mr. Buckingham will move from Paintsville to Ashland as soon as a satisfactory residence can be secured.

NEW OIL COMPANIES.

Silver Run Oil Company, Catlettsburg; \$20,000; L. F. Arthur, W. D. O'Neal and Dana O'Neal.
Herman Moore Oil & Gas Company, Prestonsburg; \$22,000; Herman Moore, W. W. Smith and H. L. Stone.

BURIED AT PIKEVILLE.

Mrs. James Marrs died at Winchester Saturday and the body was taken to Pikeville for burial. The family moved from Pikeville about five years ago.

FIFTY PER CENT RAISE IN TAXES

Next fall when taxes are paid the people of Kentucky will no doubt express in very warm language their very cool feelings toward the Legislature of 1920.

For instance: In Lawrence county the property owners last year paid at the rate of \$1.10 on each \$100 worth of real estate, and the same rate on personal property except money in bank and live stock.

This year they will pay \$1.65 per \$100 worth (except on money in bank and live stock; the old law was not disturbed on these two items.)

This means a boost of exactly fifty per cent in taxes. Some boast! Beats anything we have heard of at one jump except news print paper.

Rev. Coleman, World Traveler, Will Speak in Louisa Sunday Night

Rev. H. R. Coleman, of Louisville, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Kentucky, will preach at the M. E. Church South on Sunday night, May 16th. Rev. Coleman has spent part of his life in research work in the Holy Land, India and Egypt. It is desired that all Masons, their families and the general public hear this noted divine.

SALVATION ARMY MEETING.

The committee having in hand the management of the Salvation Army 1920 Campaign for funds for home service in the Big Sandy district will meet again on Tuesday, May 18th, at 7:00 p. m. Major Snyder has invited the committee to meet in his office, and the meeting will accordingly be held at that place.

BIG SANDY RIVER TO BE USED FOR SHIPPING COAL

Mr. N. M. Orr has returned from a trip of a month in Virginia and is again actively engaged in the work of opening coal mines near Torchlight.

He is encouraging other parties to open mines near by so as to create enough tonnage to justify a steamboat line to handle the output by river. Arrangements have been made for this kind of transportation when the production can be depended upon to reach a minimum of 500 tons per day.

Here is a fine opportunity for a number of small mines. With slackwater transportation there will be important advantages over mines dependent upon the railroads. The car shortage and the congestion of business hampering shipment by rail should make the river outlet a very welcome source of relief.

Since the completion of the Ohio river dam below Catlettsburg, providing a sufficient depth of water on the sill of Big Sandy dam No. 1, the use of our river is entirely practicable as far as slackwater reaches. Torchlight has a good depth of water from the Louisa dam. Then the next dam extends a navigable pool to the mouth of Georges creek. On the Tug Fork there is good coal available to the slackwater for several miles.

It does not cost much to open pick mines and the natives will find very profitable employment in this way right near their homes. Concerted action is all that is needed to get the steamboat and barge service. Men in that line of the transportation business will come after the business if we will create a sufficient volume and make it reasonably steady.

Any persons who may contemplate opening mines along the river will find it to their advantage to report to the Big Sandy News office.

Kentucky's Delegates to San Francisco Convention

Kentucky's delegation to the Democratic National Convention at San Francisco will have headquarters and accommodations in the Wiltshire Hotel, according to word received. Twenty-seven rooms were reserved for the State's representatives.

Arrangements are being made to have all the delegates assemble in Louisville Sunday and Monday, June 20 and 21, and leave for Chicago Monday night in a body. Plans call for a day's stop-over in Chicago and resumption of the westward journey Tuesday night.—Courier-Journal.

THE NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT

Washington.—Political events of the last twenty-four hours have emphasized the improbability of a reconciliation between the various factions in both the Democratic and Republican parties who have taken their respective attitudes toward the peace treaty and League of Nations during the past year.

Three divisions exist in each party, and by virtue of their similarity they appear now to be the nucleus of three political parties. President Wilson's letter to the Oregon Democrats asking for the unqualified indorsement of the treaty and league, followed, as it was, by the announcement of Republican leaders in Chicago that they would stand on the Lodge reservations, has now been attacked by the so-called "irreconcilables," led by Senators Johnson and Borah, who hint at a bolt from the Republican party unless reservations, league, treaty and all are condemned.

The Line-Up for President.

The outlook at present for the Presidential nominations, therefore, would appear to be this: Republican—Lowden, Wood, or Hoover, on a platform of Lodge reservations, and their chances about in the order named.

Democratic—McAdoo, Cox, or Palmer, on a platform written by President Wilson advocating unqualified adoption of the treaty, but accepting interpretative reservations such as those of the Hitchcock resolution.

Independent, or Third Party—Senator Hiram Johnson or Senator La Follette on a platform opposed to the entire treaty and a league and reservations.

Respective of the treaty issues, the personal questions in each party are getting more and more vital. William Gibbs McAdoo has the edge on the Democratic nomination. By insisting on unqualified acceptance of the treaty, he has impressed Democrats in the capital here as a shrewd politician. Mitchell Palmer is well liked, and probably has more strength among the members of the Democratic National Committee than has McAdoo, but the latter was in the game before Palmer began.

Gov. Cox of Ohio, is a serious contender, but just now Mr. McAdoo is in the lead. That is not an individual opinion. It is the consensus of the Democrats who are on the inside of things, and who know what the leaders of delegations are apt to do on the final count at San Francisco.

Prestonsburg Girl is Victim of Bigamist

Baltimore, Md.—Admitting the charge of bigamy when confronted by testimony of two women, John W. Turner, 36 years old, this city, is held by the police awaiting action of Kentucky authorities, in which State he was married to his second wife.

Turner married Miss Jennie Crim in this city in 1902. They have a child 13 years old, and have been living here together for some time.

A year ago he married Miss Sallie Frazier, 18 years old, Prestonsburg, Ky., while on a trip in that State and brought wife No. 2 to Baltimore.

Since that time he has been living with both wives, leaving one on the pretext of a business trip to visit the other wife in the other part of the city, evidence showed.

MISS MARIE C. HOLT AND A. C. BURGESS MARRY

The marriage of Miss Marie Holt, of Walbridge, and Mr. Autie Custer Burgess, of Richardson took place on Monday afternoon in the M. E. Church in Louisa. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. D. Haggard in the presence of a few friends of the couple.

The bride wore a traveling suit of dark blue tulle with small hat to match. Her flowers were white jonquills.

She is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Land Holt and is one of the leading teachers of Lawrence-co. She is a graduate of Kentucky Normal College.

Mr. Burgess is the son of Ed F. Burgess of Richardson. He was one of four brothers in army service in the world war. He is a promising young man. For some time he has been employed by a coal company in the upper Sandy Valley where they will live.

UNION COMPANY SELLS SOME OIL

The following from the Lexington Leader will be read with interest by Lawrence county people:

A. B. Ayers, of Fortville, Ind., president of the Union Oil & Gas company, which owns approximately 20,000 acres of oil, gas and coal lands in Lawrence and Johnson counties, was in Lexington today, having come down from the field to meet Joseph Seep, head of the Seep Agency of Oil City, Pa., which is the sales agency for the Standard Oil company. Acting for his company, President Ayers sold to the Seep Agency all of the oil it has in storage in the Johnson-Lawrence pool, comprising several thousand barrels, at the advance price of \$4 a barrel announced Monday by the Cumberland Pipe Line company. The Union Oil & Gas company also supplies Lexington with much of its natural gas, having a contract with the Central Kentucky Natural Gas company to furnish about 2,000,000 feet a day from its big gas wells in the Big Sandy Valley. The Union company was one of the pioneer corporations in the Big Sandy territory and the thirty wells it has drilled on its holdings have all been producers, yielding either gas or oil in paying quantities. Not a failure has been recorded. Twelve of its oil wells are now hooked up to the pipe line and are producing an average of approximately 20 barrels a day. Practically the entire 20,000 acres which the company owns has been tested out with the drill and has been found to be underlain with the Berea sand, which formation is noted for its long-lived wells. President Ayers stated that he now has six drilling rigs operating on the company's holdings in the Johnson-Lawrence field and that ten more rigs have been contracted for and will be moved to the company's acreage and put in operation as fast as possible. He expressed the opinion that there would be marked development in that territory during 1920. The pipe line companies, he says, have expended over \$100,000 extending their pipe lines to the acreage of the Union Oil & Gas company. President Ayers has for years been a great friend and admirer of President Joseph Seep, and the two prominent oil men, when they met here, had quite a lengthy conference concerning the oil situation in general and particularly the prospects for future development in the Eastern Kentucky field.

Free Musicals at Ky. Normal College

At the Kentucky Normal College building on Tuesday evening, May 18, a musical program will be rendered. Everybody invited. No charge for admission. The program will be made up of quite a variety, consisting of solos on various instruments, duets, orchestra, etc. Performance will start at 7:15.

"No Fishing" on Locks in Kentucky This Year

Washington.—Secretary Baker has advised Senator Beckham and other members of the Kentucky delegation that no modification of the order against fishing from piers, walls and abutments of Government locks on the Ohio, the Kentucky and other rivers could be made, because it has been found impracticable to attempt to distinguish between those persons who did no damage to the Government property and the lawless element which abused the privilege. It has pointed out that the regulations do not prohibit fishing from boats below dams.

Thirty-six citizens of Greenup, Ky., have signed and sent to Washington a protest stating that the rule needlessly deprives them of cherished liberties. They point out that almost all the fish in the Ohio river gather at the lower side of dams.

GRAND-DAUGHTER OF N. D. WALDECK MARRIED IN ARKANSAS

The following account of the wedding of a granddaughter of N. D. Waldeck is from a Little Rock (Ark.) paper:

A pretty home wedding which took place at 1 o'clock last Thursday afternoon was that of Miss Mary Hannah Meek to Ellis Homer Nixon of Newnan, Ga. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Hay Watson Smith, assisted by the Rev. H. L. Cathey. The house was prettily decorated with pink roses and snowballs and Mrs. Charles Beall played Lohengrin's wedding march for the entrance of the bridal party. The ceremony was performed underneath an arch of ferns and knots of white tulle. The bride wore a gown of ruffled organdie over white satin with a tulle veil held in place with orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. Miss Lucy Mae Moore, as maid of honor, wore ruffled pink organdie and carried pink roses. The bridesmaids, Misses Eunice Austin and Helen Kratz, wore pink organdie and carried bouquets of pink sweet peas. Little Virginia Meek was ring-bearer and wore a frock of white net with pink bows and carried the ring in a lily. Stickney Meek served the groom as best man. Following the ceremony a reception was held. The dining room table was centered with a large wedding cake, baked by the grandmother of the bride, Mrs. Waldeck of Kentucky, and was constructed so that each slice held a pink bird in the center. Mrs. Ralph Hark of Prescott presided over the cake. Assisting in the dining room were: Mrs. James H. Meek, Mrs. A. M. Stone and Mrs. Connor Limerick. Mr. and Mrs. Nixon left immediately after the reception for a trip to Memphis and Birmingham and will later be at home at Newnan, Ga., where the groom is in the automobile business. The bride wore a traveling costume of tan tulle-trine with brown and blue accessories.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

John Martin Bays, 23, to Alice Cairns, 23, of Normal and Louisa. Married at the home of bride's mother, Mrs. Thos. Cairns, in Louisa, by Rev. Hewlett.
Autie C. Burgess, 23, to Marie Holt, 23, of Richardson and Louisa.
George W. Newsome, 22, to Irene Goff, 20, of Portsmouth, Ohio.
Nathan Borders, 25, to Mary Lou Charles, 16, of Henrietta.

ADVANCEMENTS FOR RAILROAD MEN

Following appointments have been made on the Ashland and Big Sandy Division of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway company past few days:

Mr. J. R. Dawson, who resides in Ashland, Ky., and was formerly yard master on the Ashland yards, has been appointed Safety Inspector, Western General Division of the C. & O., and the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway company of Indiana, west headquarters at Shelby, Ky. Vice J. N. Kelly of Ashland, who has been transferred to Shelby as yard master.

G. H. Saunders has been appointed fuel supervisor of the Ashland and Big Sandy division with headquarters at Ashland, Ky.; vice F. M. Shonts, promoted. Mr. Saunders was formerly engineer of the Ashland division and now resides at Lexington, Ky.

F. M. Shonts has been appointed Road Foreman of engines and Assistant Train Master, Shelby Coal District with headquarters at Shelby, Ky. Mr. Shonts resided at Ashland and was fuel supervisor prior to this appointment.

G. P. Gibbs was appointed yard master at Paintsville, Ky. Mr. Gibbs was formerly yard master at Shelby.

REV. POPE SPEAKS AT CHAPEL.

Rev. J. T. Pope, pastor of the Ceredo First Baptist church, spoke to the Junior and senior high schools last Monday morning. He compared the advantages and opportunities of the early schools of his boyhood days with those of the present time. His talk was humorous, but interesting and instructive.—Ceredo Advance.

MAYO COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

The closing exercises of Jno. C. Mayo College at Paintsville are taking place this week. On Wednesday the awards of diplomas were made. The school has had a very successful year.